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1. Trade union inspector Höppner has been assigned to the OSW by order of the Russians. He is charged with the political indoctrination and education of the workers. The previous leader of the trade union in the plant has been recalled.
2. It is expected that Technical Director Lorentz will have to give up his position in the near future, probably in April. Locker, former engineer in charge of planning, is scheduled to be his successor; he will go to a special indoctrination school in Bernau during April.
3. The main office of the "Kabel-AG" has been transferred from Berlin-Weissensee to Berlin-Lichtenberg. It is now located in the offices of the former Knorr-Bremse plant. The Weissensee offices now house the Russian General Economic Staff, formerly located in Karlshorst.
4. It is planned to reorganize the OSW as the central research institute for the Russian Zone.
5. The management of the "Kabel-AG" has not yet published its production schedule for 1950.
6. The Kabelwerke AG in Berlin-Oberschöneweide is scheduled for transfer to public ownership in the near future. It may be assumed that the methods to be used will correspond to those employed in the recent transfer of Gema-Köpenick which was completely dismantled after the changeover and from which all stores, equipment, and tools were removed. The firm is now to be reorganized under a new name and charged with developing high frequency equipment for the Russian Navy.
7. OSW is still having financial difficulties. The need for ready cash has necessitated another sale of 400,000 DM (Ost) worth of stores.
8. Investment capital for 1950 is limited to 1.2 million DM (Ost) to be distributed as follows:

OSW 600,000 DM (Ost)
NEF 300,000 "
TBN 300,000 "

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9. Since no funds in West-German currency have been provided for the purchase of material and equipment, further production difficulties can be anticipated.

10. Personnel distribution at JSW on 1 December 1949.

Section		Factory Workers	Technicians and Office Workers	Total	Apprentices	Trainees(unpaid)
1. Research						
	men	323	183	506	---	12
	women	64	59	123	---	---
2. Production						
	men	311	143	454	27	---
	women	716	61	777		
3. Technical Branch Office						
	men	89	17	106	---	
	women	48	5	53		
4. Business Office						
	men	38	72	110		
	women	35	70	105		
5. Employees' Welfare Office						
	men	-	4	4		
	women	2	7	9		
6. Cost Accounting						
	men	74	16	90		
	women	11	10	21		
7. TBN						
	men	164	98	262	26	
	women	72	38	110		
8. Directly employed by Russians						
	men	10	2	12		
	women	30	5	35		
9. Total	men	1009	535	1544	53	12
	Women	978	255	1233		

Production and Research

11. All preparations for the mass production of tubes RPK and PK2 (Russian nomenclature) were stopped by the Russians without explanation. The sum of 300,000 DM (Ost) had already been invested for equipment and tools for the project.
12. The increase in tube production is seriously hampered by the lack of skilled glass blowers for quartz glass and machine glass.
13. It is anticipated that even the limited tube purchases made heretofore by the Eastern European states will be completely cancelled in the near future. Poland and Czechoslovakia, for instance, get their tubes from the West or from Switzerland, where American tubes are available at very low prices. According to a recently completed survey, certain tubes which cost 15 DM (Ost) can be purchased for 1 DM (West).
14. Current Russian production orders have been reduced by two-thirds. This applies chiefly to radio tubes. At the same time, the sale of tubes to the West, particularly of the L series, has been prohibited.

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15. The production potential of the fine wire plant has been increased 100%. Actual production, however, has not changed materially since the previously reported percentage of rejects has not improved.
16. The Russians have allocated another 500,000 DM (0st) for the expansion of the production plan. The funds are to be used for the procurement of tools, machine -tools, and measuring equipment.

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